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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SA, LE

SUBJECT:UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER TO LEBANON

REF: JIDDA 0059 (NOTAL)

1. RE PARA 3 OF SULTAN'S LETTER (REFTEL), DEPARTMENT HAS NO RECORD OF SAG REQUEST FOR USG CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF AMMUNITION IN QUESTION. SECTION 3(E) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT REQUIRES THE PRESIDENT TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY ANY INFORMATION THAT HE RECEIVES THAT A TRANSFER HAS BEEN MADE WITHOUT USG CONSENT.

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2. BEFORE MAKING REQUIRED NOTIFICATION, DEPARTMENT WILL NEED FULLER INFORMATION AS TO THE FACTS OF THE TRANSFER (AMOUNTS, DATES, AND RECIPIENTS) THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE TRANSFER AND AN EXPLANATION OF THE SAUDI RATIONALE FOR PROVIDING SUCH TRANSFER WITHOUT SEEKING

REQUIRED USG PERMISSION.

3. AT THIS POINT IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO SEEK
EXPLICIT SAG ASSURANCES THAT UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFERS WILL
NOT RECUR.

4. FOR TEL AVIV: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN DEPARTMENT'S

INVESTIGATIONS OF INCIDENT FOR YOU TO VERIFY DIRECTLY
SERIAL NUMBERS GIVEN IN ISRAEL POLICE CABLE TO INTERPOL US
(HAND GRENADES IDENTIFIED AS "HAND FRAG DELAG M-67 12-74
COMPB LOT LG 56-675 SAFETY FUSE M213 GOL 3-1 10-74";
DEMOLITION CHARGES, "M112 LOT LOP 2-42 8-71"). USING
WHATEVER ACCESS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE AND DISCREET, PLEASE
SEEK COOPERATION OF GOI IN THIS REGARD. YOU MAY TELL
ISRAELIS THAT IN CASES OF ILLEGAL TRANSFERS, USG PRO-
CEDURES REQUIRE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO OBTAIN
DIRECT VERIFICATION BY USG OFFICIAL OF INFORMATION (E.G.,
SPECIFIC SERIAL NUMBERS, ETC.).

5. FYI ONLY. REFTEL REPORTS SAUDIS INDEED DID TRANSFER
TO LEBANESE (BEFORE CIVIL WAR) AMMUNITION IN QUESTION.
BEFORE MAKING REPORT TO CONGRESS WE WANT VERIFICATION
ISRAELIS IN FACT IN POSSESSION OF ITEMS.
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